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INFO AMCONSUL DURBAN
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FOR: OES/OFA/OCA

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: SENV, SF
SUBJ: SUPERTANKER COLLISION OFF SOUTH AFRICAN COAST

REF: STATE 301063

1. AT 3 PM LOCAL TIME DEC 17 EMBASSY SPOKE TO CAPT ROBERTSON
OF DEPT OF TRANSPORT WHO IS IN PORT ELIZABETH TO DICT OPERATIONS.
BOBERTSON CONFIRMED FIRES ARE OUT AND SAYS HE HAS MEN ON BOARD NOW
TO ASSESS SITUATION. HE IS NOT EXPECTING VANOIL TO SINK. HE
SAID THERE IS A FAIRLY THICK OIL SLICK ABOUT 25 MILES LONG BUT
LEAKAGE IS NOW MINIMAL. WIND IS CHANGING TO EASTWARD WHICH HE HOPES
WILL PUSH SLICK OFFSHORE.

2 ALTHOUGH PERHAPS PREMATURE TO TRY TO ANSWER
QUESTION 1 B. REFTTEL, ROBERTSON FEELS SURE RESEARCH STUDIES WILL
BE UNDERTAKEN IF OIL REACHES SHORE.

3. A COMMERCIAL HELICOPTER IS NOW AT PORT ELIZABETH. WE WILL
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TRY TO DETERMINE WHETHER THIS OR OTHER HELICOPTER SERVICE WOULD
BE AVAILABLE BUT WE ASSUME THEY WOULD.

4. ACCORDING TO ADIO NEWS, AN ANTI-POLLUTION BOAT IS NOW
SPRAYING OIL DISPERSANT AND OTHER BOATS ARE ENROUTE TO ASSIST.
REPORT SAYS THREAT OF SERIOUS POLLUTION HAS BEEN MINIMIZED. BOWDLER

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